

The Examiner has required that Applicants elect a single disclosed species of SEQ ID NO. for each of the CDR1, CDR2, and CDR3 regions, as well as the corresponding single sequence for the entire heavy and light chain, for examination purposes.

Applicants hereby elect the following:

SEQ ID NO: 25 for the heavy chain CDR3

SEQ ID NO: 26 for the light chain CDR3

SEQ ID NO: 27 for the heavy chain CDR2

SEQ ID NO: 28 for the light chain CDR2

SEQ ID NO: 29 for the heavy chain CDR1

SEQ ID NO: 30 for the light chain CDR1

SEQ ID NO: 31 for the heavy variable chain

SEQ ID NO: 32 for the light chain variable chain

In addition, the Examiner has required that Applicants point out which claims are readable for the elected species. Applicants provide this information in the following chart:

Claim Number	Elected species
1 to 14	SEQ ID NOs: 25 to 32
41	SEQ ID NOs: 25 and 26
42	SEQ ID NOs: 25, 26, 27, and 28
43	SEQ ID NOs: 25, 26, 29 and 30
44 to 49	SEQ ID NOs: 31 and 32
63	SEQ ID NOs: 25 to 30
74	SEQ ID NOs: 25 to 32
76	SEQ ID NOs: 25 to 32

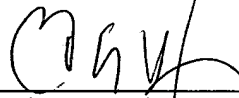
77	SEQ ID NOs: 27 to 30
78	SEQ ID NOs: 25 and 27 to 30
79	SEQ ID NOs: 26 to 30
80 to 83	SEQ ID NOs: 27 to 30
87 to 93	SEQ ID NOs: 25 to 32

The Examiner has also requested that Applicants elect a single species of therapeutic agent. With respect to the election of a species of a therapeutic agent, Applicants hereby elect the species of "antibodies or agonists of TNF."

With respect to the elected species and based on our discussion during the telephone interview, it is Applicants understanding that this election is for searching purposes only and upon allowance of the elected claims, the generic claims also will be searched and Applicants will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 C.F.R. § 1.141.

If a telephone conversation with Applicants' attorney would help expedite the prosecution of the above-identified application, the Examiner is urged to call Applicants' attorney at (617) 227-7400.

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